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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI'S CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY

- 1. REPUBLIC OF GUINEA PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTERS DIAKITE (INTERIOR) AND BEHANZIN (INFORMATION AND IDEOLOGY) CALLED ON ACTING SECRETARY ROBINSON DEC. 30. AF ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY AND COUNTRY OFFICER ATTENDED MEETING.
- 2. AFTER ACTING SECRETARY'S WELCOMING REMARKS, PRIMIN STATED THAT PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE HAD INSTRUCTED HIS DELEGATION TO STOP IN WASHINGTON AFTER VISITS TO HAVANA AND MEXICO CITY. EXPRESS PURPOSE WAS TO RELAY TO US AUTHORITIES THE HEARTFELT THANKS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GUINEA AND OF PRESIDENT TOURE HIMSELF FOR THE MEDICAL TREATMENT ACCORDED MINISTER SAIFOULAYE DIALLO AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL. THEY HAD VISITED DIALLO CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLIER IN THE DAY AND FOUND HIM WELL. THE HUMANITARIAN

CONSIDERATION DEMONSTRATED BY THE USG AND THE COMPETENCE, DEDICATION, AND PERSONAL CONCERN OF THE DOCTORS INVOLVED DESERVED GUINEA'S DEEP GRATITUDE. ACTING SECRETARY THANKED PRIMIN FOR THESE EXPRESSIONS, WHICH WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.

- 3. PRIMIN ADDED VISIT ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW OLD ACQUAINTANCES WITH AMERICAN FRIENDS, AS WELL AS TO MEET NEW ONES. HE REFERRED TO SINCERE AND FRANK COOPERATION WITH SEVERAL US FIRMS INVESTING IN GUINEA AND SPOKE OF THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE US AND GUINEA IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT. BEAVOGUI EXPRESSED THANKS FOR US PL-480 AID AND HOPED FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THAT GUINEA TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT, BUT THAT FOOD DEFICITS STILL A PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT GUINEA WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PROPOSED AID AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF USG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MOST USEFUL TO GUINEA.
- 4. ACTING SECRETARY WELCOMED COMMENTS REGARDING PARTIC-IPATION OF US PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN GUINEA. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SECTOR COULD OFFER SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL, AND MANAGERIAL EXPERTISE. ALTHOUGH INVESTMENT DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE PRIVATE COMPANIES THEMSELVES RATHER THAN UNDER USG DIRECTION, WE MAINTAIN A POSITIVE, SUPPORTIVE ROLE IN THAT AREA. ACTING SECRETARY REFERRED TO US ACCEPTANCE OF MORAL OBLIGATION TO ASSIST DEVELOPING NATIONS, AND POINTED OUT USG DESIRE TO SHIFT FROM FOOD AID ITSELF TO PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. ALONG THIS LINE, WE HAVE PROPOSED A DOLS 200 MILLION INVESTMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT ONE GOAL OF US PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS TO CONSIDER WAYS TO WORK TO-GETHER TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD. ACTING SECRETARY MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD HEAD US DELE-GATION TO UNCTAD IV IN NAIROBI IN MAY, AND HOPED TO HAVE OCCASION TO BECOME FURTHER ACQUAINTED WITH AFRICAN DEVEL-CONFIDENTIAL

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OPMENT PROBLEMS AS WELL AS TO OFFER SOME SPECIFIC PROGRAMS. ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT BASIC US POSITION OF BEING MORE FORTHCOMING TO DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THIRD WORLD OUTLINED IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UN SPEECH IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND THAT IN THE COMING YEAR WE WILL SEE ENCOURAGING STEPS IN ACCELERATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THAT AREA

5. PRIMIN AND ACTING SECRETARY AGREED THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS CONTINUE IMPROVING, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION DO EXIST. PRIMIN HAD NO SPECIFIC ISSUES TO RAISE, BUT COMMENDED TO ACTING SECRETARY HIS COLLEAGUE DIAKITE WHO IN ADDITION TO INTERIOR MINISTRY IS PRESIDENT OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION WITH THE AMERICAS. PRIMIN THOUGHT THAT PRESIDENT TOURE'S DECISION TO SEND

DIAKITE AS MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION WAS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY.

- 6. ACTING SECRETARY CONCLUDED MEETING BY THANKING DELEGATION FOR VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND FOR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
- 7. FYI: LATEST INFORMATION ON DIALLO'S CONDITION, HOSPITAL RELEASE DATE, AND CONVALESCENCE PLANS WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. DELEGATION LEAVING WASHINGTON DEC. 31 FOR ONE DAY STAY IN NEW YORK FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOG UN. PARTY EXPECTS RETURN TO CONAKRY JAN 2. END FYI. ROBINSON

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